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(b) if so, the amount contributed by the people towards them and the total expenditure incurred by the Government on them; and

(c) the main achievements under the scheme in South Kanara?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA :—" May I know the amount of salary paid to the staff during the first year of the operation of the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Construction of a bridge in Pappanad-Perugavalandan road in Tanjore.

* 634 Q.—SRI P. VENKATESA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the estimated cost of the bridge between miles 16 and 17 in Pappanad-Perugavalandan road in Tanjore district;

(b) when tender was called for; and

(c) when the work will be completed?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" There is no mileage 16 or 17 on Pappanad–Perugavalandan road and hence no proposal for constructing a bridge at the place.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

SRI P. VENKATESA SHOLAGAR :—" சென்ற வருஷத்திலே அந்தப் பாலம் ஓரளவு கட்டப்பட்டது. கட்டப்பட்ட கல்லும் சிமெண்டும் சரியான ரகமாக இல்லாததினால் அது வெள்ளத்திலே கரைந்துபோய் விட்டது. அதை மீண்டும் கட்ட ஏற்பாடு நடக்கும்போது அவ்வாறு நடைபெறாமல் தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் கவனிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir. I would look into it."

Grant of loans to House-Building Co-operative Societies in the City.

* 635 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned any amount to be advanced as loans to the House-Building Co-operative Societies in the City of Madras;

(b) whether there is any scheme for advancing loans or for granting subsidy to the homeless platform dwellers and Harijans in the City; and

(c) if so, whether any amount has been allotted for it?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Since the introduction of the Urban Housing Scheme in 1947–48 up to 31st January 1954, a loan of Rs. 1,63,38,850 has been sanctioned to House Building Co-operative Societies in the Madras City.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Co-operation whether Government have got any statistics of the platform dwellers in the City of Madras? May I know whether Government will come forward at least this year with sufficient financial help to redress the grievances of platform dwellers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give the figures regarding platform dwellers off-hand. The Madras Corporation submitted a comprehensive scheme of slum improvement works in the City in connexion with the Central Government's scheme of financial assistance for slum improvement works. That scheme has been forwarded to the Government of India by this Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many buildings have these societies constructed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked."

Grant of residential scholarships to the students of the Backward Classes.

* 636 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of residential scholarships granted to the Backward Class students in the various high schools and colleges in the present Madras State during 1952–53;

(b) the number of persons who applied for the grant of these scholarships; and

(c) the actual amount spent on this account during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) 1,445 residential scholarship were granted to the Backward Class pupils studying in the various colleges, Arts and Professional, during 1952–53. No residential scholarship was granted to the Backward Class pupils studying in the high schools during 1952–53.

" (b) Statistics regarding the number of applications received during the year 1952–53 have not been maintained.

" (c) The amount spent was Rs. 6,05,757–15–0."